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Dear Child Care Provider:

During the 2009 Legislative Session Senate Bill 1112 passed resulting in changes to the Basic Daycare Licensing Law in Idaho which had not seen any significant changes since the early 1980's. Over the last year the Department has been in the process of promulgating rules to help clarify and support implementation of the new law. During the 2010 legislative session the rules were accepted by the Senate Health and Welfare Committee but rejected by the House Health and Welfare Committee.

The Department asked the Board of Health and Welfare to approve the daycare licensing rules as temporary in order to provide guidance and clarification to daycare providers. The Board approved the rules as temporary on May 20, 2010 and the Department will begin to implement those rules on July 1, 2010.

There continues to be concern about the current Daycare Licensing Law relative to its consistency and clarity of intent and the Department anticipates there will be an effort to make changes during the next legislative session. We will support this effort and work with the legislature, providers, local officials and others in order ensure the law protects children in daycare settings while still being fair and equitable to providers.

I have included a copy of the Department's Daycare rules that were approved by the Board. The official document can not be found on-line at this time but will publish on the Department of Administration's web site on July 7, 2010. I have also updated and included a Frequently Asked Questions document. If you have further questions please feel free to contact the 2-1-1 Idaho Careline.

Sincerely,

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